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EDITORIALS

HOW DOES IT LOOK?

Some business people profess to be disturbed over the business outlook. Some foresee an early recession, and wonder where the leveling process now under way may lead.

For those who like to look on the bright side there are some optimistic facts. Among them are:

National income is approximately 224 billions a year. In the depth of 1932, the national income bogged down to 38 billion dollars. The present figure is an incredible sum of money. It means that we now have the highest per capita buying power in dollars in our history.

Furthermore, it is well distributed. The average person has money to spend.

Our needs are still great. Housing is still needed - millions of new homes. Not at inflated prices, and no longer can you throw up just anything with a roof over it and get a boom price for it. There a sound demand for housing remains.

Demand for commodities is still excellent. A solid market exists for manufactured goods.

Fifty-seven million Americans are employed. That's a mighty high and encouraging figure.

In the expectation that peacetime quantity production will force prices o lower levels, businessmen are not carrying excessive inventories. This angle is much better off than in the similar period after World War 1.

Banks are in the soundest condition possible. Credit is adequate.

Demands for export are strong, but foreign countries are short on dollars. But many foreign countries are rebuilding their economy on a sound basis and prospects for the resumption of normal world trade are better than fair.

Finally, there is an enormous backlog need for public works. At an opportune moment, vast public projects can and will get started.

In the fact of these optimistic facts, the sound thing to do is for every American business man to show his mettle. A sound business, soundly managed, has every reason to expect success.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

COMING TEST AT PARIS

(From Winchester Star)

A battle in the cold war 's over. Britain, France and the United States, by virtue of the airlift and the counter-blockade of eastern Germany, have repelled a Soviet attack on an exposed position. But the issue that brought on this clash has not been decided.

That issue is the future of Germany. It was because the four great powers could not agree on that position that the cold war began. The western nations have waged that war successfully enough so that the Russians now want to resume the discussions. And the diplomatic struggle will begin again on May 23 at Paris when the Council of Foreign Ministers meets again.

Is an agreement on Germany possible? Unless the Russians are ready to make concessions there can be no understanding. They have made it clear that they want no western German state but a unified Germany. The kind of unified Germany they want would be controlled either by the communists or by a coalition of communists and fellow travelers. They also want a share in control over the Ruhr.

The United States, Britain and France cannot accept such a deal. A Germany that would be virtually a Russian satellite would be a constant threat to the peace of the world. But a flat rejection might drive the Germans into the arms of the Russians. Germany and Russia have common interests that have brought them together in the past and could do it again.

General Clay has laid a good foundation for whatever may come. But Paris will be a real test of strength and skill.

House GOP maps plans to seek defeat of housing bill.

Former Secretary of Defense, James V. Forrestal plunges to his death from hospital window.

State offers a school plan for nurses.

New battery plant opens up in Lynchburg.

Senator Byrd defens the present labor law.

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The Rat Is A No. 1 Enemy

In an all-out battle against the farmer's No. 1 enemy, the rat, about 25 of Virginia's 100 counties conducted rat-control campaigns last season, says J. O. Rowell, entomologist at V. P. I.

The most successful campaigns in the state are that use a thorough poisoning program to reduce quickly the heavy populations of rats, Rowell said. Then the rats surviving the poisoning can be dealt with by supplemental control measures, such as trapping, and gassing of burrows.

The specialist warns against relaxing rat-control efforts after the poisoning campaign. Poisoning is only a part of the whole program, and if supplemental measures are not followed, rat populations will build up raidily.

The year-round measures recommended include rat-proofing farm buildings, proper care of garbage and waste from the barn, and a general clean-up of trash that might harbor rats.

The importance of rat control is stressed by Rowell, who says that coupled with insect damage, rats are responsible for the loss of nearly $8,000,000 worth of grain on Virginia farms every year. One rat can eat 50 pounds of feed each year, damage another 50 pounds or more, and is a menace to public health.

BOARDS FROM STRAW

A new process for making insulating building boards from straw, which opens the way to wider industrial use of a usually wasted product, has been announced by the United States Department of Agriculture.

This recent development of research promises to help wheat straw compete with sugarcane bagasse and wood pulp as a raw material for insulating boards, and to encourage manufacturers to tap the nations unused straw resources.

About 40 million tons of wheat straw alone is now burned or wasted every year on American farms.

ACTIVITY REPORT

During the month of March 2466 visits were made to the Farmville office of the Virginia State Employment Service and its intinerant point at the town hall in Blackstone. This set an all-time high in the history of the office. Unemployment continues high for the month because of the continued shutdown of sawmills throughout the seven counties served by the Farmville office, and the separation of the temporary employees at Camp Pickett. However, April showed a decline with only 1752 visits to the office, due to the recall of some of the workers by the major sawmills and lumber companies.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Office of the Unemployment Compensation Commission in Farmville be closed on May 30, Monday, in the observance of Confederate Memorial Day, and on Friday, June 3, in observance of Jefferson Davis' birthday.

Russia may propose that all four occupation powers withdraw troops from Germany.

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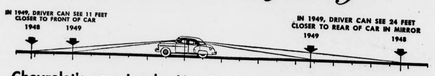
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vergreen, May 24.- The Health ... which was presented here at Evergreen school Friday night ... enjoyed by all.

...nk Austin spent the week-end ...nchburg with some of his chil...

...rs. Elda Wooldridge and her ...ghter-in-law, Mrs. Jeter Witt ...oldridge and Lawrence Stewart, ...Covington visited Mr. and Mrs. ...E. Stewart recently.

...s Nancy Beach spent Saturday ... Miss Wanda Kay LeGrand.

...s Elnora Glover spent Thurs... night with Mr. and Mrs. Al... Reynolds.

...r. and Mrs. George Farrar and ... spent Sunday in the home of ... her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin.

Mrs. Maude Deaner, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Margaret Stanley, of Petersburg; and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beach and three children, Nancy, Tom and Margaret, of Deleware, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. LeGrand.

Mrs. Hazel Crouch, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mrs. J. C. Staples spent Wednesday in Lynchburg with her daughter, Mrs. Sam White.

Mrs. H. R. Stanley was the Sunday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham.

The Rev. T. L. Simpson and Jimmie Evans visited Mrs. Evans and daughter, Miss Doris Evans, in Catawba last Tuesday. We are glad to hear that they are improving.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. P. W. Coleman was struck by a truck recently and is in a critical condition in a Lynchburg hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blackwell and son spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Garrett.

Those on the sick list include: Mrs. Eddie Warriner, Mrs. Jennings Ferguson and Mrs. L. L. Stewart.

Mrs. Howard Glover spent Tuesday night with her father, A. B. Ferguson.

Stonewall

Stonewall, May 23.- Since the rain last night all the folks will be planting tobacco today - and "Oh, my back!"

Rev. D. M. Spence preached at Bethel Church Sunday at 10 A. M. We are so glad he is looking so well and can again fill his pulpit at all four churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilton Lee and children spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler, at Rustburg.

Mrs. Anna Lee is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Rufus Purnette and her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peard and son, Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Chick visited Mrs. Lillie Drinkard and Mr. and Mrs. Len Martin last Sunday P. M. Mrs. Drinkard is Mr. Chick's sister. She isn't well at this writing, and we hope she will soon be feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant have built two new rooms to their home. We congratulate tthem on the improvement. The work was done by C. D. Drinkard.

Mrs. J. P. Alvis, Jr. has her sister from Orange visiting her.

Mrs. W. R. Stratton and mother, Mrs. S. L. Scruggs visited at Appomattox last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beard spent Sunday in Lynchburg with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Horton.

Mrs. Lewis Martin, of Appomattox spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard.

Jack Caldwell, Jr. is on the sick list. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Lester Carson and Lee Carter spent last Tuesday shopping in Lynchburg.

J. E. Chick, Mrs. P. B. Stratton and Miss Edna Adcock called to see Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on last Friday.

Pamplin

Pamplin, May 23.- The Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black were week-end visitors of friends and relatives in Greenville and Staunton.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rosser, of Roanoke spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. C. C. Rosser.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Richardson and his sister, Mrs. J. R. Williams, of Cullen spent Sunday with friends at Rocks.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rosser and daughter, Ellouise, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans, of Roanoke, Sunday.

Mrs. Bernard Carey, of Richmond was a Sunday guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ligon.

Hugh Swan, of Bluefield visited relatives in the vicinity Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Topping, of Rixburg spent in the home of Mrs. C. C. Rosser Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ponton, of Richmond were Sunday guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, May 24.- Miss Anna Belle Houssman of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with Miss Alice Jennings.

Friends are happy to see Mrs. Arthur Almond home from the hospital.

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Like when I needed a new garden hose. "Henry," I says, "how about this new plastic hose—is it really as good as rubber?" "Well," he says, "I'm inclined to think it is—but you'd better ask Tom."

I found Tom in back and asks him the same question. "Well," says Tom, "in my opinion it is—but you'd better ask Henry." "I already have," I says, "and when you two cautious old codgers agree I'd bet my life on the decision."

From where I sit, your own opinion is worth a lot—but so's the other fellow's. That's why I keep saying, over and over, let's be tolerant of the other person's point of view—whether it's on politics or farming—or whether you like milk shakes and he prefers a temperate glass of beer.

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